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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Invention: System and Method for
Communications in a Serial
Attached SCSI Storage Network

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Examiner: Christopher A. Daley

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 12, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2005, Applicant submits this response and respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

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Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including November 14, 2005. Applicant notes that November 12, 2005 was a Saturday and that November 14, 2005 was the first day following November 12, 2005 that was not a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday in the District of Columbia. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the fee associated with the extension of time. Applicant hereby

authorizes and instructs the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (matter 016295.1476) for any additional charges necessary for the filing of this response.